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ANCHORAGE MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO USING THE INTERNET TO ATTEMPT TO SEND OBSCENITY TO A MINOR

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on October 9, 2007, Michael C. Rabon, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of using the internet to attempt to send obscene materials to a minor.

Rabon, age 25, pleaded guilty to one count before United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Steven E. Skrocki advised the court that on May 22, 2007, Rabon, using the screen name "getmilk69" met someone in a Yahoo Alaska-specific chat room who identified herself as a 13-year-old Anchorage girl. Between May 22, 2007 and June 11, 200, Rabon chatted online with the 13-year-old Anchorage girl using Yahoo Instant Messenger and his cell phone text messaging function. During their online conversations, Rabon told the girl he was 25-years-old. He used graphic sexual language and arranged to meet the 13-year-old girl to have sex. After asking if she was interested, Rabon engaged in lengthy, detailed conversations about what would happen during their sexual encounter. During their online conversations, Rabon kept asking the girl if she had told anyone about their plans. During these on-line chat sessions Rabon sent by electronic mail four obscene photographs of himself via the internet to someone he believed to be under the age of 17. Rabon set up a meeting with the girl to take place at a local park on June 11, 2007. He was arrested when he showed up at the meeting place.

Judge Burgess scheduled sentencing for December 19, 2007. AUSA Skrocki informed the court that the parties agreed to a sentence of seven years in prison in exchange for dismissing the remaining count of the indictment.

Pending sentencing, the court continued Rabon's detention due to the seriousness of the charge.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Alaska State Troopers and the Anchorage Police Department conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Rabon.

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